

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

BY DEBORAH QUAILLE
ARTS EDITOR

Eden Mills author/illustrator Linda Hendry and co-author Lisa Rebnord have produced a fun new book for kids eight and older which is a terrific resource for making picture frames. As stated in the authors' introduction, a simple frame is the finishing touch that makes not only a good painting look great, but also stamps, postcards, photos or whatever your kids may think up, made with many simple items from around the house.

Linda's illustrations are wonderful, with exact step-by-step procedures which easily guide artists through the creation process. Measurements are given in both Metric and Imperial, for parents or kids that have their own preference.

Starting with a basic frame, the authors further decorate this by wrapping, papier-maché, paint, collage, or nature objects like wood or shells. If your taste runs to something a little more exotic, the writers show how

to craft frames out of mason jar lids, tin foil plates, twigs, dough, or create an actual family "tree!"

Several of Linda's suggestions could also be made by younger children, perhaps five and up, using simple items such as frozen treat sticks, magazine pictures or pipe cleaners. Simple motor skills like lacing or wrapping are encouraged with these creations.

Making Picture Frames is a great book for kids to start creating on their own. The items suggested also make great inexpensive gift items for family or friends.

Linda Hendry has also illustrated *Corking and How to Make Holiday Pop-up Cards* for Kids Can Press.

MAKING PICTURE FRAMES
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READING UNDER THE BIG SKY

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF EDEN MILLS WRITERS' FESTIVAL

BY RAY DARLING
EDEN MILLS

The 10th annual Eden Mills Writers' Festival will be held on Sunday, September 13 starting at 12:00 noon. The organisers are once again delivering an excellent line-up of poets, playwrights, novelists and children's writers who will read from their works in four different outdoor locations throughout the village. Included in this year's line-up are a number of Governor General Award Winners such as Margaret Atwood, Leon Rooke, Jane Urquhart, and Janet Lunn (see complete list this page).

In addition to the readings will be the first presentation of the Writer's Trust Lecture by award-winning poet and novelist Dionne Brand. CBC Radio host and Eden Mills resident Shelagh Rogers will interview poet Al Purdy and George Butterfield will introduce the American writer James Salter. The second annual Janice E. Handford Award will be presented to an outstanding Ontario publisher.

A recent addition to the

festival has been the children's area, which offers a wide array of amusement for the whole family.

Storytellers, illustrators and performers including Robert Munsch, Sylvia McNicoll, Janet Wilson and Linda Henry will entertain children and adults.

The Eden Mills Writers' Festival is renowned throughout Canada as a gathering spot for top-notch authors, but it is truly unique for its bucolic atmosphere. Unlike the more formal Harbourfront Series in Toronto, the Eden Mills festival is for the whole family - including the family pet. The 19th century village offers a perfect venue with its old stone buildings, rivers, and meadows. Excellent food can be had throughout the day, as can signed books and arts and crafts. Shelagh Rogers will once again be in full garb playing the role of town crier ringing in the festival and there will be live music in

between readings. Also look for a number of garage and yard sales as local residents take advantage of the large crowds to pawn off their treasures.

Out-of-town attendees will be sad to find that the historic Bowstring Bridge has been destroyed and not yet replaced. However, a footbridge has been built to ferry people who choose to park in the East End of the village to the festivities across the river.

Advance tickets for the Eden Mills Writers' Festival are a bargain at \$7 for adults and \$4 for students and children and are now available at The Bookshelf in Guelph, Words Worth Books in Waterloo, the Eden Mills General Store and the University of Toronto bookstore. Gate tickets will be \$8 and \$5. For further information, call the Writers' Festival Hotline at 519-826-0826 or visit their web site at <http://www.sentext.net/~pql/eden>.

The Writers

Authors confirmed for 1998 include:

- André Alexis • Margaret Atwood • Anita Rau Badami • Shauna Singh Baldwin
- Marie-Claire Blais • Dennis Bock • Lesley-Anne Bourne • Dionne Brand
- Barry Callaghan • Eliza Clark • Austin Clarke • David Donnell • Trevor Ferguson
- Cecil Foster • Shree Ghatage • Douglas Glover • Barbara Gowdy • Irene Guilford
- Elizabeth Hay • Michael Helm • Tomson Highway • Janice Kulyk Keefer
- Al Purdy • Erika Ritter • Leon Rooke • Kerri Sakamoto • James Salter
- Russell Smith • Linda Spalding • Rosemary Sullivan • Jane Urquhart • Derk Wynnand

Children's authors and illustrators include:

- Jo Ellen Bogart • Sonja Dunn • Linda Hendry • Rukhsana Khan • Janet Lunn
- Carol Malyon • Sylvia McNicoll • Cathy Miyata • Robert Munsch • Janet Wilson

OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT FOR AUTUMN WEEKENDS

The Spirit Valley Experience, a festival of the arts and nature, is back for its third year. Enjoy an outstanding array of theatrical and musical performers, artists, craftspeople and healing arts practitioners at an acoustic festival in the Rockwood Conservation Area on Sunday, September 20. The festival runs from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and features such diverse performers as African drummers, a capella vocalists, a bell choir, Celtic fiddlers and pipers, "funky" poets and much more.

This year's theatrical experience, the community play entitled *All Over the Map*, will be a major focus of *The Spirit Valley Experience*. Portrayed as a marriage, the play deals with the amalgamation of several area townships, with a cast of nearly 100. The play will literally take audience members on a guided bus tour during which they will be regaled with theatrical, musical and artistic happenings that look at the "ups and downs" experienced by this unique and sometimes turbulent wedding party. *All Over the Map* runs Sept. 19, 20, 26 and 27 at 2 p.m. Call (519) 856-9999 for tickets.

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